From Lord Avebury

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Dear Mr Azzam

I understand that Professor Korkut Ozal and Mr. Mehmet Okul, two members of the National Salvation Party who had been arrested in Turkey, have now been released. As I understand it they are on bail and are still to be charged or prosecuted.

I gather that Judge Manfred Simon, the French judge who was in Ankara last week, found that the proceedings were in full conformity with the principles set forth in the European Convention on Human Rights and in the U.N. Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Judge Simon did talk to Dr. Erbakan and his counsel and also was received by the military prosecutor and the Presiding Judge of the Military Court No. 1.

I have written to both John Hunt and Phillip Whitehead, the joint honorary secretaries of the Parliamentary Human Rights Group, asking if they will join me in the letter to the Times which you suggested.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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